

Government of Puerto Rico
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Circular Letter No. 5.

Re: CONTINENTAL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH.

To Superintendents of Schools.-

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The one hundred continental teachers of English have been already secured and will be assigned to the several school districts upon their arrival. Some of them may arrive after the opening of the schools due to their inability to secure transportation on time. At the end of this circular letter you are notified the number of continental teachers of English assigned to the municipalities included in your school district.

Please make arrangements as soon as possible to find living accommodations for these teachers. Efforts should be made to secure for each one such a place to live in as will make the teacher feel that he or she is an integral part of the community. Private homes are preferable to hotels or boarding houses. Women teachers especially, should be encouraged to live in private homes.

The continental teachers will rank as the insular teachers of English and should be assigned to work in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. No home room should be assigned to them and, consequently, they should not be burdened with registers, room records, etc. Programs should be so arranged that these teachers may go from room to room to teach the special classes entrusted to them.

In districts where there are not enough continental teachers for all the classes in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades the work may be organized in such a way that these teachers will have charge of the units in oral composition in the seventh and eighth grades. Such an arrangement would, of course, imply the previous planning of a time schedule for the various phases of English work

in the grades concerned. If the work described in the preceding paragraphs should not be enough to keep the continental teachers busy on a regular time schedule, cooperative work with the insular teachers of English should be arranged. The nature of this cooperative work is left to the good judgment of the superintendents.

Superintendents should get acquainted with the continental teachers and get information in regard to their training and experience so that any special talents or qualifications possessed by them may be made use of in connection with regular school work or extra-curricular activities.

Very cordially yours,

Commissioner of Education.

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Number of Continental Teachers Assigned to your District:

CAGUAS - 3

AGUAS BUENAS - 1
